

ORDER

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

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SUBJ: RECURRENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FLIGHT STANDARDS POSITIONS

1. PURPOSE. This order prescribes recurrent medical qualification requirements for Flight Standards personnel whose assigned duties require them to participate in aircraft flight operations.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to the section level in Flight Standards offices in Washington, the regions and the Aeronautical Center, and to all Flight Standards field offices.

3. CANCELLATION. Order 8000.41 dated 8/15/77 is cancelled.

4. BACKGROUND.

a. The purpose of medical qualification requirements is to ensure that employees are physically able to perform the duties of their positions. The need for a national directive specifying the type and frequency of medical examinations which Flight Standards employees involved in flight operations must pass to remain qualified for their positions has long been recognized.

b. The recurrent medical requirements prescribed in this order are intended to be compatible with the FAR requirements imposed on the aviation public. The air carrier pilot check airman is considered the closest industry counterpart to the Flight Standards air carrier operations inspector. Under the FARs, the air carrier pilot check airman is required to have only a third-class medical certificate since a pilot check airman does not act as pilot in command of an aircraft carrying passengers, but must hold a medical certificate to take required flight training. Flight Standards operations inspectors are also subject to periodic flight training.

5. OTHER MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS. Medical requirements currently in effect and their applicability are summarized below. These requirements must be met notwithstanding any requirements contained in this order.

a. Initial Appointment. The medical requirements an applicant must meet at the time of initial appointment are set forth in the qualification standards prescribed by the Civil Service Commission.

b. FARs. Employees holding pilot certificates are subject to the medical requirements for the various classes of airmen as set forth in Parts 61 and 67 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

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c. Agency Aircraft Operations. To perform flight crewmember duties on board agency-operated aircraft or participate in the agency's aircraft rental program, employees must meet the medical requirements contained in Order 4040.9.

6. RECURRENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS. Recurrent medical qualification requirements for Flight Standards personnel are hereby established as follows:

* a. GS-2181 Flight Test Pilots and GS-861 Pilots, whose duties require * them to conduct aircraft engineering flight tests, must obtain at least a second-class medical certificate annually.

b. GS-1825 Aviation Safety Inspectors (Operations)

(1) GS-1825 air carrier and general aviation operations inspectors, whose assigned duties require direct participation in flight operations, must obtain at least a third-class medical certificate annually.

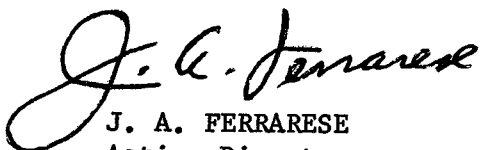
(2) Paragraph 6b(1) does NOT apply in the case of those GS-1825 "mixed" positions, encompassing more than one technical specialty, which can be filled by a person qualified in either operations or airworthiness, e.g., District Office Chief, Air Carrier Branch Chief, General Aviation Branch Chief, full-time Hazardous Materials Coordinator, Enforcement Specialist, etc. However, incumbents of such "mixed" positions shall not perform flight operations duties unless they do obtain at least a third-class medical certificate annually.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH RECURRENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS.

a. On receipt of this order, and annually thereafter, supervisors shall determine and document that affected subordinate employees possess the medical certificate required by paragraph 6.

b. An employee who does not hold the current medical certificate required by paragraph 6 must take the appropriate medical examination within 120 days after the date of this order and notify his/her supervisor of the examination results.

c. If examination results in an employee being found medically nonqualified, the case shall be handled in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in paragraph 200 of Order PT P 3330.9.


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